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DEATH.
On February 2nd, 1908, at Pymouth, Germany, Mrs. ELIZABETH VON PUYER, formerly of China, aged 80 years. Singapore and Northern papers please copy.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 30TH, 1908.

Although there is probably no profession in which outsiders take such a persistent and personal interest as that of journalism, journalists of the old school do not often care to discuss it in public. Very often the very title of "journalist" is distasteful, except to the tyro and quidnunc, the old hand preferring to call himself a newspaper man. The difference of meaning is not capable of easy definition, and the motive of the preference is equally esoteric. Possibly it may be traced remotely to the old days when Grub Street was only beginning to realise its power, and when society took what little news it could get with ill concealed contempt for the newsgatherers. Briefless barristers and unimpeached graduates possibly show the influence of the old distaste for what undoubtedly ranked as a trade, for they do not become tradesmen when they "go in for journalism"; they honour their newfound colleagues by "entering the profession." If there were not some such scruple still in existence, there would be none of the touchiness which has made journalistic institutes so careful to have their line of duty recognised as one of the professions. Although now recognised by royal charter and in other legal ways as a profession, it cannot pretend to the dignity on any grounds equal to those professions, such as the Law, the Church, and Medicine, which, however hardly the qualifications may have been acquired, do

certify their possession with a Diploma. The only diploma so far open to newspaper men is that of experience and success, following natural aptitude for a kind of work which no cramming could bestow. It is the most open profession of all, and after they have got in and proved their right to stay in, men of that class do not worry unduly about their social status. Nor do they willingly discuss in a public manner things appertaining to their work, which they view very much as Kipling does the Indian Secret Service, as "the Great Game." But the quidnuncs are always with us, and occasionally incidents occur that seem to compel temporary abandonment of the decent reticence and individual obscurity usually preferred. It should be noted that the editorial and staff anonymity of conservative papers is a part of that, and not due to any lack of courage. By their fruits are they known, and nothing else is desirable. If the public forgets that every sentence must have had an individual utterer, and in that forgetfulness permits itself to attach more importance than it would to a signed expression of opinion, it is not because the fictitious importance is deliberately sought after. There are journalists who take themselves too seriously. In such a large and heterogeneous body that must be expected, but the worst troubles arise from the public disinclination to weigh and ponder matters for themselves. Nowadays it is more than ever obvious that there is a great mass of matter written and printed which no thinker dreams of taking seriously. It should be taken only for what it is worth, and that is, for various reasons, not very much. There is less danger to be apprehended from the type of journalism which takes itself as grand serious. It provokes only a tolerant smile, or should do so, both in and out of the craft. Of such—we are inclined to label the heroes of the recent crisis in the Press Gallery of the Reichstag, where the reporters have discontinued reporting the meetings owing to an offensive remark made by a Deputy. The motive of this thin-skinned, childish, and (from a public duty point of view) improper proceeding was, of course, to raise or maintain "the status of the profession." Men like HORACE GREELER would probably cry "Damn your status. Give the news," but we notice that some of our English contemporaries have outraged their professional sympathies to the extent of applauding and upholding the proceeding. "The best man I ever had," said a successful newspaper proprietor in England not long ago, "was—People used to cross the road to avoid meeting him." A too great tenderness for social approval argues in a public writer a vanity from which his wider outlook should have emancipated him; and it is difficult to see why a personal slight by some cantankerous individual should stop him from "speaking the truth in his heart," or enable him to deprive a whole community of what it wants because one member of it has offended his touchy dignity. A real newspaper-man is no longer a human being; he has at least got rid of the human weaknesses that handicap those in professions of less rigorous requirements. The power of the Press should be the power of the mills of the gods, grinding exceeding small and separating the flour of truth from the useless chaff. In one issue of one contemporary that has discussed the incident, we find an indignant disclaimer of a suggestion that its criticisms could be influenced by its patronage, side by side with expressed approval of the overt admission of the Reichstag reporters that the doing of their duty is subject to a general recognition and courteous consideration of their unprofessional susceptibilities. The ideal journalist would ignore both financial and social rewards; the ordinary journalist would do well not to proclaim his indifference to one form of consideration while exposing his susceptibility to another. The "honour of the profession" is in no danger, so long as we go on honourably working. Performances are preferable to protestations, though their recognition may seem longer a-coming.

One case of plague was reported on Saturday.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that the name of the Star Fire Insurance Company, Limited, has been struck off the Register of Companies.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that the name of "Mount Gough Road" having been changed into "Gough Hill Road," the name of "Mount Gough Police Station" is accordingly altered to "Gough Hill Police Station."

Companies desirous of keeping Local Registers or Duplicate Registers pursuant to Section 4 of The Companies (Local Registers) Ordinance or Section 5 thereof are informed that each application must be supported by a statutory declaration, printed forms of which may be obtained on application.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that information has been received from the Military Authorities that Maxim Gun Firing will be carried out on the 30th instant, in rectangle, Beacon Hill, Kaulung Pass, Kaulung Trail, Crow's Nest.

The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company launched a few days ago a steel launch "Egbert" for the Philippine Government. The vessel had a successful speed trial on Saturday. The same night the second launch built to the order of the same owners took the water.

An Order made by the Governor-in-Council under Sub-section 2 of Section 9 of the Rating Ordinance, 1901, (Ordinance No. 6 of 1901), on the 23rd of March, directs that the existing valuation of the Colony shall be adopted as the valuation for the year commencing 1st July, 1908.

The Bill Amending the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, bulks largely in the agenda of the meeting of the Sanitary Board to be held to-morrow. There is a minute on the Bill by Mr. Lau Chun Pak and the same gentleman has another minute on the Hansard report of the Governor's speech on the subject of this Bill.

The evil of expectation is particularly marked in Hongkong, and it is with no little interest that we notice among the orders of the day for Tuesday's meeting of the Sanitary Board is "correspondence relative to the regulations regarding expectation in public thoroughfares and other public places in Philadelphia, Chicago, etc."

It is notified in the *Gazette* that information has been received from the Military Authorities that gun practice will be carried out as under on Tuesday, the 31st March.—From Stonecutters in a Westerly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 7 p.m. and finishing at 10 p.m. If the weather is unfavourable on the above date, practice will take place on the following day. All ships, junks and other vessels are to keep clear of the ranges.

It is notified that any purchaser of the Government *Gazette* who desires to have a corrected copy of the local *Hansard* included with the copy of the *Gazette* issued next but one after each meeting of the Legislative Council should notify the Colonial Secretary accordingly. An extra charge sufficient to defray the cost will be made, but the proposal will not be carried out unless the number of purchasers who notify their intention of having the *Hansard* is sufficient to reduce the extra cost to a moderate and reasonable one.

THE PARIS TOILET CO., LTD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The second general meeting of shareholders in the above company, was held at the Company's offices, 5, Queen's Road Central on Saturday. Mr. H. Percy Smith presided, and there were present Messrs. J. H. Seth, Leung Wing Cheng, T. C. Soles (Manager), Enos 3rd, E. G. Smith, J. A. Marcel, Pedro Loureiro, A. Beattie, Li Fuk Tsun and B. Baste. The SECRETARY having read the notice convening the meeting,

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen,—The accounts and report have already been in your hands for several days. I propose, with your permission, to take them as read. I don't think any item in the report really needs explanation except perhaps the special bonus to Mr. Soles. It will be in the recollection of some of you that a few weeks ago a robbery was committed at our Paris Toilet premises. The money stolen being the personal property of Mr. Spiess, part of it, in fact \$18, was for two months rent for the house he occupies. We have thought it well to ask your approval of making him a present of this amount. Gentlemen, I think you will all agree with me that this venture has already proved the wisdom of its existence not only as supplying a want but in finding us a 10 per cent investment which will I think I may say without much rashness be a 20 per cent one. In former times the barber's craft was dignified with the title of a "profession," being joined with the art of surgery. In France a charter was granted to the barber surgeons in the time of Louis XIV. and a similar one in England by Edward IV. in 1461. By charter 32 of Henry VIII section 42 these were united with the company of surgeons it being enacted that the barbers should confine themselves to the operations of blood-letting and drawing teeth while surgeons were prohibited from barbery and shaving. We all know that some barbers still practice blood letting. In 1745 a fresh charter was granted to the barbers by the 13th of George II. The barber's shop has always been a favourite resort of idle persons and formerly in addition to his attraction as the focus of news and gossip a lot, viol or some other musical instrument was usually kept for the entertainment of waiting customers. I think we may congratulate ourselves that most of our barbers are not persons of "great conversational attainment." You are all familiar with the fact that the barber's sign is a striped pole from which was suspended a basin. You may not all know that the stripe on the pole indicated the ribbon for bandaging the arm or other limb after bleeding and the basin was to receive the blood. Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be pleased to answer any question. I may say that our present monthly turnover is 25 per cent more than the average for last year. There being no questions, the CHAIRMAN proposed the adoption of the report and accounts. Mr. BEATTIE seconded, and the motion was carried. Mr. E. SETH proposed, and Mr. LOUREIRO seconded, that Mr. A. BEATTIE be appointed auditor. Carried. The CHAIRMAN—Gentlemen, that concludes the business of the meeting. Dividend warrants are ready.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.

THE TURF.

LONDON, March 29th.

The Grand National resulted as follows:—

Rubio 1
Mattie MacGregor 2
Lawyer 3

DESTRUCTIVE EARTHQUAKES.

LONDON, March 29th.

A series of earthquakes is reported from Mexico. The town of Chilapa has been destroyed.

[Chilapa is a small town with a population of 4,000; 65 miles N.E. of Acapulco.]

RAILWAYS IN CHINA.

FIRST PASSENGER TO NANKING.

SHANGHAI, March 29th.

The first passenger train ran to Nanking from here on Saturday, doing the run of 193 miles in five hours and 37 minutes. There was a large gathering of foreigners and Chinese to celebrate the event. The British and Chinese Corporation was the recipient of viceregal congratulations.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

SHIPPING.

LONDON, March 28th.

The Berlin *Boersen Courier* is advised from Hamburg that the Conference lines to the Far East will raise their freights to Shanghai by 2/6 per ton on 1st July.

BELGIUM.

LONDON, March 28th.

The Brussels Parliamentary Colonial Commission has passed the Congo Annexation Bill.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

LONDON, March 28th.

The Government has appointed a permanent Committee to consider measures to facilitate the teaching of Japanese in the schools to enable students to visit Japan.

LATER.

The Tsar has bestowed the Order of the White Eagle on Baron Motono.

THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

LONDON, March 27th.

Washington advises that the recent report of Admiral Evans, summarising the opinions of experts with the fleet, opines that the armour belts are too low for adequate protection.

THE NEW YORK KNICKERBOCKER COMPANY.

LONDON, March 27th.

The Knickerbocker Trust Company, has reopened.

BRITISH POSTAL AGENCIES IN CHINA.

LONDON, March 27th.

Mr. Henneker Heaton asked in the House of Commons if Hongkong was saddled with financial responsibilities for carrying on the British Postal Agencies at the Treaty Ports. Mr. Churchill in reply said that Hongkong had for many years carried on the Agencies, and had hitherto derived a profit, in which the Imperial Government had not participated.

LADIES RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Ladies Rifle Association will take place at the L. R. A. Range, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. The programme includes several scratch and handicap events. As the average shooting is good, and competition keen, a most successful meeting is expected. Lady Lugard having kindly consented to present the prizes, the members of the L. R. A. will be at home to their friends on the afternoon of Saturday, April 4th, at the Ladies Recreation Club, kindly lent for the occasion by the Committee of the L. R. A.

EUROPEAN CHARGED WITH LARCENY.

At the Magistrate's court on Saturday before Mr. F. A. Hazeldene, William James Hobbs, accountant was charged on remand that on March 25th, last, at "Victoria, Hongkong, and on divers other dates since that day, he did embezzle sums amounting to \$681.35, received by him for his employers Messrs. Butterfield and Swire. Mr. E. F. C. Master, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master appeared to prosecute, and Mr. Morrell of Messrs. Goldring, Barlow and Morrell appeared for the defence. Another remand was granted, defendant being unable to appear.

HONGKONG REGATTA.

The regatta promoted at the suggestion of His Excellency the Governor and carried through by joint committees drawn from the R.H.K.Y.C., the V.R.C., and the C.Y.C. took place at Causeway Bay on Saturday afternoon. The weather was favourable, and the attendance was large, H.E. the Governor and Lady Lugard being present during the greater part of the afternoon. The sport was good, but the events dragged somewhat and the selections by the hand of the Cameron Highlanders and the stirring strains of the pipe band were exceedingly welcome in beguiling the tedium of the afternoon. The officials were:

Patrons: H. E. the Governor, Sir Frederick Lugard, K.C.M.G., etc., H. E. Vice-Admiral Sir Hedworth Lambton, K.C.B., etc., H. E. Major General R. G. Broadwood, C.B.
Stewards: Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., Col. C. H. Darling, Hon. Mr. W. Rees Davies, Mr. A. Denison, Major G. M. Evans, Mr. H. E. R. Hunter, Col. H. E. Keat, Capt. F. W. Lyons, Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Lt. Col. M. S. Blach, Mr. H. Scott, Major E. W. R. Stephenson, Commodore R. Stokes, Hon. Capt. Basil Taylor, and Mr. A. Turner.

Committee of Management: Hon. Mr. H. Kewick, Chairman; Messrs. C. E. H. Beavis, C. Mol. Messers, judges; Messrs. C. H. Grace, W. H. Potts, umpires; Lieut. C. Beckwith, R.N., Messrs. F. Lammert, E. M. Hazeland, and A. Rodger.

Major A. Chapman, hon. treasurer.

Lieut. Col. H. Brooke, hon. secretary.

For Yachting Events, Messrs A. Denison and L. Gwy.

For Naval Events, Lieut. H. J. Tweedie, R.N.

Lieut. Com. G. C. Dickens, R.N.
The course for light boats was inside Kaitoi Island, from the rock at the foot of Heard Street in Praya East to a line off Messrs. G. Fenwick & Co's realisation at Bay View, and marked on both sides by buoys. The course for naval boats was outside Kaitoi Island from a marked line near the Red Hand buoy to the end of the Date's Langkat Co's oil pier. The results were:

Junior pairs, open to all not competing in open pairs or Hongkong Challenge Cup.—1, V.R.C. (A. V. Barrer, J. A. S. Alvie, C. M. S. Alvie); 2, V.R.C. (J. Cruikshank, H. Rapp, F. Crawford). Four boats entered. The C.Y.C. at the last decided to put in only one crew instead of two, but though their boat came home first the stewards ruled against it. Both first and second places were secured by the V.R.C., there being a good struggle between the two. The Telegraph men finished last, time 5m 37s.

Naval gigs and whalers.—1, King Alfred, 2, Alacrity; 3, Kant. Ten service boats participated, but the winning crew had little to fear from the others.

The Hongkong Challenge Cup, open to crews representing any amateur rowing club.—1, Canton R.C., V.R.C. Canton won by about four lengths. The R.H.K.Y.C. struggled hard for second place but could not get past their local rivals. Time 7m 19s. The winning team was as follows:—R. Johnson, W. Cabanis, P. C. Herb, W. Imhoof, and E. Schroeder.

Yacht Race A. For all yachts below 24 feet rating by any rule of the Y. R. A. since 1906 except the Corinthian Yacht Club one design boats. Course.—From a line between a flagstaff in the enclosure and a flagboat moored to the North of it, round the Lyceum Bazaar (port), Kowloon Rock (port) markboat on starting line port and Channel Rocks (starboard). 11 miles.—1, Kathleen (R.E.Y.C.); 2, Vernon (Mr. A. Denison); 3, Colleen (Hon. Mr. Pollock).

Yacht Race B. For one design boats of the Corinthian Yacht Club. Course: From the line as before round the Channel Rocks port, Kowloon Rock port, mark-boat on starting line port, and Channel Rocks starboard, nine miles.—1, Ashore (Messrs. Rodger & Witcomb); 2, Spray (Mr. Farman). The other starters were Gael, Toineite, Joan, Ariel, Thecla, Meta, Faa, and Doris.

Motor boat race (handicap). Course, eight miles with seven complete turns.—1, Feilang; 2, Bridgeport; 3, Kelvin. The other competitors were Thistle, Nellie, Vital Spark, Daisy and Meta. The Feilang belonged to Messrs. Underup and Schluter, Hongkong.

Soldiers' Club Challenge Cup, open to European garrisons by regiments or corps, rowed in six or eight.—1, 87th Co. R.G.A.; 2, 87th Co. R.G.A. The Royal Engineers boat came in first but was disqualified for taking in water.

The Nathan Challenge Cup. For four cars. Limited to residents of Hongkong, each crew to be drawn from a single unit, which is defined as a Regiment, a Ship, a Corps, the Volunteers, a Firm, or any other body of gentlemen working together at the same profession or calling. If any of the above units are not strong enough to provide a complete crew, then any combination of two similar units may be made. A Club is not included in the definition of a unit.—1, Civil Service (H. L. Garrett, W. B. Stanton, E. W. Carpenter, F. A. Biden, and J. Darby); 2, H. M. S. King Alfred (Lt. H. Tweedie, Mr. Morrish, Eng. Lt. Edwards, Eng. Lt. Matters, and Mid. France). The third competitor was the R. E. Time 7m 49s.

Men of war cutters.—1, H. M. S. Kent; 2, H. M. S. King Alfred. Nine service boats entered. The No. 3 crew of the Kent finished first but was disqualified.

Open pairs, as for H. K. Challenge Cup.—1, Canton R.C. (F. C. Herb, W. Imhoof, and E. Schroeder); 2, V. B. C. (J. D. Niven, L. A. Mueso, and F. Crawford). Canton won easily. The R. H. K.Y.C. did not perform up to expectations. Time 5m 26s.

Officers' gigs and whalers, open to officers of the fleet.—1, H. M. S. King Alfred (midshipmen); 2, H. M. S. King Alfred (ward room). The Kent boat was third.

Junior fours. 1, C.Y.C. (J. Forbes, G. J. Cooks, D. Macrae, G. Macfarlane, and R. C. Witcomb); 2, V.R.C. (J. Cruikshank, R. I. Bridger, T. H. Brayfield, H. Rapp, and A. Coe). The R.H.K.Y.C. was again out of it. Time 7m 16s.

Torpedo boat destroyers whalers. 1, H.M.S. Virago; 2, H.M.S. Janus; 3, H.M.S. Hart. A very exciting race, the three boats mentioned keeping together all the way, only separating a little near the winning post. H.M.S. Whiting was a good way behind.

The Hon. Mr. Keawick asked Lady Lugard to present the prizes, and after Her Excellency had done so, Lieut. Colonel Brooke presented her with a handsome bouquet of flowers. Three hearty cheers, followed by the usual tiger were given for Lady Lugard and with this the proceedings terminated.

APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments are notified in the *Gazette*:

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint, under Section 2 of Ordinance No. 5 of 1900, His Honour Mr. Justice Gompertz to be Chairman of the Squatter Board during the absence on leave of His Honour Mr. Justice Wise, or until further notice.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Lieut-Colonel Dunblaton, R.N., to represent the Royal Hongkong Golf Club on the Wong Nai Chung and Queen's Recreation Grounds Committee vice Mr. D. B. Murray.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to re-appoint provisionally and subject to His Majesty's pleasure, the Honourable Dr. Ho Kai, M.B., C.M., C.M.G., to be an unofficial member of the Legislative Council for a further period of six years with effect from this date.

SEDITIONOUS PUBLICATIONS.

Regulations have been made by His Excellency the Governor under section 12 of the Post Office Ordinance, 1901, (Ordinance No. 6 of 1901), on the 21st of March, as under:—1 The importation into Hongkong through the Post Office of any seditious publication within the meaning of section 2 of the Seditious Publications Ordinance, 1907, (Ordinance No. 15 of 1907), is hereby prohibited. 2 The Postmaster General may seize all such seditious publications and cause the same to be returned to the post office at which they were mailed.

HONGKONG CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB.

The one design class race for the "Astoria" cup presented by Mr. A. Rodger was sailed yesterday and resulted in a win for "Spray," the times being as under:

	H. M. S.
Spray	1 58 2
Doris	2 0 5
Gael	2 4 45
Joan	2 5 45
Toineite	2 9 55
Ariel	2 14 20

The race in the handicap class for the Sampson Cup presented by Messrs. Wood and Ramsey ended in a win for "Circus" (Mr. Withers), "Dorothy" (Mr. Forbes) being second.

The last championship race in the motor boat section was captured by "Nellie" (Mr. Lyon), who thus wins the championship. "Bridgeport" (Mr. Kew) was second and also secured second place in the championship, while the third boat "Kelvin" (Messrs. Burr and Roberts) took the third prize. Times:

	H. M. S.
Kelvin	52 40
Bridgeport	54 42
Nellie	62 57

Vital Spark and Daisy did not finish. The Chinese rigged cruiser class resulted their second all round on course round Bokhara Rock port. Only three boats started in a very light wind which strengthened a little when the breeze was reached but fell again outside the Pass. The mark was rounded by "Australia" at 1.16 and by "Marion" some twenty minutes later, "May" being a considerable way behind. The positions remained unchanged till the finish. Times:

	H. M. S.
Australian	3 14 18
Marion	3 51 0
May	5 10 6

GALE IN BRITAIN.

LOSS OF 13 LIVES.
One of the most violent and sudden gales of recent years swept down from the north-west over the British Isles on February 22nd. In the Midlands, and north it left a trail of destruction, causing thousands of pounds damage and the loss of thirteen lives.

Thunder and lightning accompanied the gale, which swept across country at sixty miles an hour with gusts reaching at times between eighty and 100 miles. Half fell so thickly in places that the air was darkened. Snow fell in the north, but in most districts it was a deluge of rain flooding rivers and streams. Telegraph, telephone, and electric tramway wires, roofs of factories, houses, and churches, football grand stands, rigs and golf pavilions, vessels and light ships, and even the ancient stone market cross of Halesowen, weighing several tons, were swept off and wrecked. Three carriages on an exposed railway viaduct in Donogal were almost blown over the parapet, hanging at an angle of forty-five degrees. The engine kept the line and the passengers escaped.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The steamer *Monmouthshire* left Shanghai on Friday morning, the 27th inst., and is due here this afternoon.

The Danish str. *Tranquebar* will leave Kobe on Wednesday, the 1st of April, and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 6th of April.

The P.M. str. *Siberia* sailed from Yokohama on the 28th inst., and will be due at this port on the 7th prox.

The L.G.M. str. *Yorck* carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin 81 the 10th inst. left Colombo on Saturday, the 28th inst. a.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 7th prox.

The I.G.V. str. *P. Z. Leitold* which left here on Thursday, the 28th inst., arrived at Shanghai on Saturday, the 28th inst. at 11 p.m.

NOTICE.

Communications respecting advertisements, subscriptions, printing, binding, etc., should be addressed to the Manager, Daily Press, only, and special business matters to the Manager.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

REMOVAL NOTICE.

WE have REMOVED our Offices to HOWEL MANSIONS, 3rd Floor, SPECTRY FLOUR COMPANY, Hongkong, 30th March, 1908. 623

NOTICE.

IF PERCY BRENTNALL, one time resident at PRIORITY LODGE, 5, Bonham Road, Hongkong, or his Wife or Child will communicate with R. E. BRENTNALL, 23, Edlington Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, they will hear something to their advantage. Hongkong, 30th March, 1908. 624

ENGAGEMENT WANTED

FOR construction in all kinds of Mining Machinery, especially all kinds of Drills, by experienced man. M.A.C. Care of "Daily Press" Office, Hongkong, 30th March, 1908. 625

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

SHROFF WANTED, to reside at Tai Po. QUALIFICATIONS:—Correct knowledge of English, and quickness and accuracy at figures. CONDITIONS:—Salary \$480 to \$600 by \$50 annually. SECURITY:—\$1,000. Applications to be sent to the Colonial Treasurer on or before the 11th April proximo. Hongkong, 30th March, 1908. 626

CHINA TRADERS INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Certificate No. 582 for Thirty Shares, numbered 2341 to 2370, standing in the Register in the name of Sir Kise Ho, having been given UPON NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that unless the said Certificate be produced to the Company on or before the 31st May, 1908, a New Certificate for the said Shares will be issued, and the old Certificate will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

By Order of the Board of Directors, C. MONTAGUE EDE, Secretary. Hongkong, 30th March, 1908. 627

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship "ARRATON APCAR." Captain A. Stewart, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 1st April, at 3 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd., Agents. Hongkong, 28th March, 1908. 618

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN THE MATTER of the Estate of JOHN LIDDINGTON late of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs, Kowloon-Hongkong, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance of 1887, made an Order directing that on the 18th day of April, 1908, for sending in Claims against the above Estate. All creditors are hereby required to send their Claims to the Undersigned before the said date.

Dated this 20th day of March, 1908. ARATHOON SETH, Official Administrator.

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that Information has been received from the Military Authorities that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out as under:—

On TUESDAY, the 31st March:—

From Stonecutters in a Westerly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 7 P.M. and finishing at 10 P.M.

If the weather is unfavourable on the above date, practice will take place on the following day.

All ships, junks and other vessels are to keep clear of the ranges.

BASIL TAYLOR, Commander, R.N., Harbour Master, &c. Hongkong, 26th March, 1908. 615.

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THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, TO-DAY (MONDAY), the 30th March, 1908, commencing at 2.30 P.M. at "DUNOTTAR," No. 82, The Peak

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On view from FRIDAY, the 27th March, 1908. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 25th March, 1908. 605

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TENDERS are invited for the SUPPLY of 30,000 TASMANIAN HARD WOOD SLEEPERS to be composed of BLUE GUM and STRINGY BARK, size 8 ft. by 9 in. by 5 in., in equal proportions. Half the quantity to be delivered at a Railway Wharf, Wangsai, Canton, at end of July and the remainder on or before September. Payment of 80 per cent. on delivery of each shipment and Government certificate must accompany same. Tenders will be opened at Railway Head Office, Canton, at 2 P.M. 1st of April, 1908. Tenders must accompany every tender and the Railway Company is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

THE YUEH-HAN RAILWAY CO., LTD. Canton, 23rd March, 1908.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTEENTH DRAWING of the HONGKONG CLUB, 1896 issue \$100 each, was held at the Hongkong Club House, on THURSDAY, the 18th inst., when the following Debentures were Drawn for Redemption:—

6	481	900	1558	1631
11	549	915	1272	1638
65	569	918	1292	1647
58	567	939	1298	1658
145	616	944	1308	1680
141	620	950	1438	1696
243	633	950	1438	1696
256	701	1090	1478	1727
325	725	1108	1510	1738
374	798	1113	1518	1757
338	812	1123	1530	1760
410	859	1232	1586	1773
474	882	1240	1623	1985

and will be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on TUESDAY, the 31st day of March, 1908 in exchange for surrender of name.

By Order, C. H. GRACE, Secretary. Hongkong, 26th March, 1908. 570

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NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS in CHINA and JAPAN for the above line, are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with INDO-CHINA STRAM NAVIGATION Co.'s fortnightly service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from CALCUTTA for CAPT. PORTS every fortnight. For Freight and further particulars, apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents for China and Japan. Hongkong, 4th August, 1898. 9.

NOTICES OF FIRMS

NOTICE.

I have This Day established myself in practice as ARCHITECT and SURVEYOR at No. 34, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, and at Shamshien, Canton. A. ABDOLRAHIM, Architect and Surveyor. Hongkong, 23rd March, 1908. 582

NOTICE.

MR. WALTER OTTO having left China CHARGES to sign our Firm per pro-curation from This Date. Mr. PAUL HELL has This Day been authorized to sign our Firm's name per pro-curation. KRUSE & CO. Hongkong, 18th March, 1908. 588

NOTICE.

DURING Mr. G. H. MEDHURST'S absence from the Colony Mr. EDGAR GEORGE BARRETT is appointed Manager of Dowling & Co., Ltd. By Order of the Directors of DODWELL & CO., LTD. Hongkong, 24th March, 1908. 584

NOTICE.

THE GOODWILL, Business and Business Effects of the late WILLIAM DANBY, Architect and Civil Engineer, in Hongkong and Canton have this day been agreed to be SOLD by the Executors to Messrs. LEIGH & ORANGE. All Claims against the Estate of the late WILLIAM DANBY in respect of such Business will be liquidated by us on behalf of the said Executors. WILKINSON & GRIST, Solicitors. Hongkong, 17th March, 1908. 598

NOTICE.

WE, the Undersigned, having PURCHASED the Goodwill, Business and Effects of the late WILLIAM DANBY, will carry on such Business at our Office in Prince's Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, and No. 158, Shamshien, Canton, under the style of "LEIGH & ORANGE." We have taken into Partnership in Canton Mr. CHRIS. TORBER, 505 WOOD THOMAS, for many years Managing Assistant to the late WILLIAM DANBY, who takes charge of our Canton Office. All communications with reference to Hongkong should be addressed to us at our Office here, and with reference to Canton to us at our Office there. LEIGH & ORANGE, Hongkong, 24th March, 1908. 599

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Buildings, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1908, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1907, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 25th March to MONDAY, the 30th March, both days inclusive. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 30th March, 1908. 595

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 23rd April, 1908, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1907, and of electing Dividends, &c. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 18th April to the 23rd April, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board, C. MONTAGUE EDE, Secretary. Hongkong, 24th March, 1908. 618

THE CHINA TRADERS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Head Office No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 23rd April, 1908, at 12.30 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1907, and of declaring Dividends. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 9th April to the 23rd April, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors, C. MONTAGUE EDE, Secretary. Hongkong, 27th March, 1908. 614

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INSURANCES

AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF AIX LA-CHAPELLE.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates. REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 31st April, 1907. 114

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THE GLOBUS INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

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EVAN ORBISTON, Manager. Hongkong, 30th April, 1907. 26

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POST OFFICE NOTICE

The Armand Behic, with the French mail of the 28th ult. and the Supplementary mail from London of the 29th ult., left Saigon on Friday, the 27th inst., at 10 a.m. Hongkong on the 28th inst. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 25th inst.

FOR	FROM	DATE
Beikow, Singapore and Bangkok	Chowfa	Monday, 30th, 9.00 P.M.
Manila	Tungshing	Monday, 30th, 11.00 A.M.
Hongkong	Sui Tai	Monday, 30th, 1.15 P.M.
Cebu and Iloilo	Myitlone	Monday, 30th, 2.00 P.M.
Swatow and Bangkok	Shanghai	Monday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow, Singapore and Bangkok	Chidow	Monday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy, and Fuchow	Kongwai	Monday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
Yokohama, Kobe and Moji	Chidow	Tuesday, 31st, 9.00 A.M.
Tientsin, Chifoo and Vladivostok	Chidow	Tuesday, 31st, 10.00 A.M.
Sandakan	Chidow	Tuesday, 31st, 10.00 A.M.

Hongkong, &c., India via Taitoria.
(Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to Noon. Extra Postage 10 cents.)
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)

Manila	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 31st, 1.15 P.M.
Chifoo and Fuchow	Tungshing	Tuesday, 31st, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Seattle	Huichow	Tuesday, 31st, 3.00 P.M.
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, Soerabaya and Macassar	Kaga Maru	Tuesday, 31st, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Awa Maru	Tuesday, 31st, 4.00 P.M.

Hollow and Haiphong	Huichow	Wednesday, 1st, 9.00 A.M.
Bangkok	Momontshing	Wednesday, 1st, 11.00 A.M.
Manila	Sui Tai	Wednesday, 1st, 1.15 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	A. Apar	Wednesday, 1st, 2.00 P.M.
Shanghai and Chinkiang	Yunnan	Wednesday, 1st, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	Tylopat	Wednesday, 1st, 4.00 P.M.
Moji, Salina Cruz	Sui Tai	Thursday, 2nd, 1.15 P.M.
Tientsin	Chidow	Thursday, 2nd, 4.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe and Moji	Chidow	Friday, 3rd, 10.00 A.M.

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Manila	Sui Tai	Friday, 3rd, 1.15 P.M.
Shanghai	Fuchow	Friday, 3rd, 3.00 P.M.
Kobe and Yokohama	Yunnan	Friday, 3rd, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	Tylopat	Friday, 3rd, 5.00 P.M.

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The Parcel mail will be closed on Friday, the 3rd April, at 5 p.m.

Manila	Sui Tai	Saturday, 4th, 1.15 P.M.
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, Soerabaya and Macassar	Tylopat	Saturday, 4th, 4.00 P.M.

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Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Fookang	Friday, 10th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	Loongang	Friday, 10th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	Rubi	Saturday, 11th, 10.00 A.M.

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Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Seattle	Tosa Maru	Tuesday, 14th, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Tamba Maru	Tuesday, 14th, 5.00 P.M.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Kumano Maru	Wednesday, 15th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, and Seattle	Minneapolis	Friday, 17th, 11.00 A.M.

Manila, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth & Fremantle Nikko Maru | Friday, 17th, 11.00 A.M. |

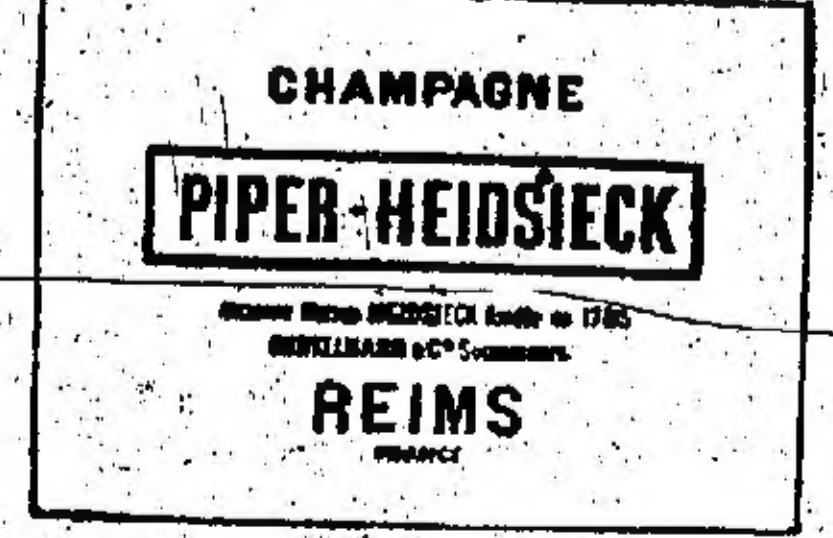
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SOLE AGENTS FOR CHINA:
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Ordinary Annual Meeting, Hongkong, Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., at 10 a.m. on Monday, 30th March, 1908, at the Hongkong Club, 10, The Peak, Mr. Geo. P. Lamont, 239 p.m.

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Bank Bills, on demand	1/10 1/2	
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1/10 1/2	
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/10 1/2	
Credit, at 4 months' sight	1/10 1/2	
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight	1/10 1/2	

ON NEW YORK	Bank Bills, on demand	23 1/2
Credit, at 4 months' sight	24 1/2	
ON BOMBAY	Telegraphic Transfer	142
Bank, on demand	142	
ON CALCUTTA	Telegraphic Transfer	142
Bank, on demand	142	

Bank, on demand	142
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Telegraphic Transfer	142
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Private, 30 days' sight	75
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MANILA.—On demand—Pesos	92

SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate, \$10.45
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tola, \$54.80
BAR SILVER, per oz., 25 1/2

SUBSIDIARY COINS.	per cent.
Chinese 20 cents pieces	\$8.56 discount.
" 10 "	" 8.80 "
Hongkong 20 "	" 8.00 "
" 10 "	" 8.45 "

OPIMUM.	March 28th.
Malwa New	\$950 per picul.
Malwa Old	\$1020 "
Malwa Older	\$1020 "
Malwa Y. Old	\$1060 "
Persian fine quality	\$900 "
Persian extra fine	\$980 "

Patna New	\$1047 per chest.
Patna Old	\$1047 1/2 "
Ben res New	\$1017 1/2 "
Ben res Old	" "

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.
The M.M. str. Armand Behic with the French Mail of the 1st inst. and Mails from London of the 28th ult. left Saigon on Friday, the 27th inst., at 10 a.m., and may be expected to arrive here this morning, and will leave for Shanghai and Japan this afternoon.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The C.P.R. str. Monticello arrived Shanghai at 1.30 a.m. on Friday, the 27th inst., and left again at 8 p.m. same day for Hongkong, where she is due to arrive at 6 a.m. to-morrow.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
The Indo-China str. Namang from Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port on the 24th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 1st prox.

THE GERMAN MAIL.
The I.G.M. str. Prinz Waldemar left Sydney on Wednesday, the 11th inst. at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 1st prox.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The Great Northern str. Coy's str. Minnesota left Kobe for this port via Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 24th inst., and is expected here on the 2nd prox.

The T.K.K. str. America Maru sailed from Yokohama on the 22nd inst., for Hongkong via Japan ports and Manila, and will be due to arrive at this port on the 3rd prox.

The J.C.C. str. Tjiki Maru left Moji via Amoy for this port on the 22nd inst., and may be expected here to-day.

The N.Y.K. str. Awa Maru (European Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 27th inst., and is expected here to-day.

The N.Y.K. str. Wakamiya Maru (Bombay Line) left Singapore for this port on the 24th inst., and is expected here to-day.

The Danish str. Indien left Singapore on Wednesday evening, the 25th inst., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 1st prox. at daylight.

The H.A.L. str. Langbank left Singapore on the 25th inst. at 1 p.m., and may be expected here on the 1st prox. p.m.

The N.Y.K. str. Hitachi Maru (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 27th inst., and is expected here on the 2nd prox.

The N.Y.K. str. Tosa Maru (American Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 27th inst., and is expected here on the 5th prox.

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JOINT STOCK SHARE

Hongkong, March 28th.

COMPANY	PAID UP	QUOTATIONS
Alhambra	Pa. 200	Nominal.
Bank		
Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	\$60.1 London M/s.
National B. of China	26	\$61.
Bell's Amoy & S. A.	125	\$61. buyers
China-Borneo Co.	\$12	\$11.
China Light & P. Co.	\$10	\$5.
China Provident	\$10	\$5. sellers
Cotton Mills		
Kwo	Tls. 50	Tls. 55.
Hongkong	\$10	\$9. sellers
International	Tls. 75	Tls. 55.
Loan Kung Mow	Tls. 100	Tls. 75.
Seykora	Tls. 500	Tls. 250.
Dairy Farm	\$5	\$17.4 buyers

Docks and Wharves	\$50	\$53. sellers
H. & K. Wharf & G.	\$50	\$53.
H. & W. Dock	\$50	\$53.
New Amoy Dock	\$50	\$53.
Shanghai Dock	Tls. 100	Tls. 100.
Shai & H. Wharf	Tls. 100	Tls. 277.

Fenwick & Co., Geo.	\$25	\$13. sellers
Green Island Cement	\$10	\$11.4 sellers
Hongkong & C. Co.	\$10	\$17.5
Hongkong Electric	\$10	\$10.
Hongkong Hotel Co.	\$50	\$5. sellers
Hongkong Ice Co.	\$25	\$25.
H.K. Milling Co., Ltd.	\$100	\$100.
Hongkong Rope Co.	\$10	\$6.

Insurance		
Caston	\$50	\$240. sellers
China Fire	\$20	\$80. sellers
China Traders	\$25	\$91. buyers
China Fire	\$25	\$105. buyers
North China	\$25	\$14.81. buyers
Union	\$100	\$145. sellers
Yangtze	\$100	\$137.

Land and Building		
Hongkong Land	\$100	\$100. sellers
Humphrey's Estate	\$10	\$10.
Kowloon Land & B.	\$80	\$28. sellers
Shanghai Land & B.	Tls. 50	Tls. 106.
West Point Building	\$50	\$40.

Mining		
Charbonnages	Fcs. 250	\$540. buyers
Reub.	18/10	\$5. buyers
Peak Tramways	\$10	\$13. sellers
Philippines Co.	\$10	\$18. buyers

China Sugar	\$100	\$112. buyers
Luxon Sugar	\$100	\$112.
Steamship Companies		
China and Manilla	\$25	\$13.
Douglas Steamship	\$50	\$40. sellers
H. Canton & M.	\$15	\$24.4 sellers

Indo-China S.N. Co.	\$5	\$38.
Shell Transport Co.	\$1	\$4.
Star Ferry	\$1	\$37.4 buyers
Do. New	\$5	\$15. buyers
South China M. Post.	\$25	\$23. buyers
Steam Laundry Co.	\$5	\$6. sellers

Campbell, M. & Co.	\$10	\$17.
Fowell & Co., Wm.	\$10	\$5.
Watkins	\$10	\$24.
Watson & Co. A. N.	\$10	\$10.
Weissmann, Ld.	\$100	\$165.

United Asbestos	\$4	\$11. buyers
Do. Foundry	\$10	\$10. buyers
Union Waterboat Co.	\$10	\$10. buyers

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HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From March 30th to 6th April, 1908.

Day	Month	High Water.		Low Water.	
		Mean Time	Height	Mean Time	Height
Mon.	30	11.30	11.30	1.30	1.30
Tue.	31	11.30	11.30	1.30	1.30
Wed.	1	11.30	11.30	1.30	1.30
Thurs.	2	11.30	11.30	1.30	1.30
Fri.	3	11.30	11.30	1.30	1.30
Sat.	4	11.30	11.30	1.30	1.30
Sun.	5	11.30	11.30	1.30	1.30

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, March 28, h.

Barometer	30.07	30.17	30.02
Temperature	63	65	66
Humidity	63	65	66
Wind Direction	E	E	E
Force	3	4	3
Weather	b	b	b
Rain			

Highest open air Temperature on 27th. 68
Lowest open air Temperature on 27th. 61

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